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Lt. Governor Maldonado Issues Memo To Identify And Eliminate Roadblocks To Business Growth

In line with his commitment to spur job creation, Lt. Governor Maldonado today issued a memo to all of California's regional economic development organizations asking for their expertise on identifying and removing roadblocks that impede business growth. The Lt. Governor also makes clear that he views these organizations as valuable resources that are on the frontlines of healing California's economy, and will be soliciting their input as the Commission develops its Strategic Action Plan in the coming months.

The text of the memo is as follows:

Date: September 1, 2010

To: California Regional Economic Development Organizations

From: Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado, Chair of the California Commission For Economic Development

On August 11, I revived the California Commission for Economic Development by chairing the first full convening of the Commission in more than a year and updating bylaws to make us more productive. The bi-partisan Commission provides guidance to the Governor and the Legislature to achieve sustainable economic growth and will be focusing on pooling private and governmental expertise to help businesses expand and grow. My priority as Chair of the Commission is to fast track California's road to fiscal health by acting as promoter-in-chief of California's products and expeditor-in-chief to ensure our businesses are not strangled in Government red tape.

To achieve these goals, I need your assistance and your proficiency because you are on the frontlines of getting our economy back on its feet. We need to identify the top five biggest obstacles that stand in the way of businesses expanding and obtain feedback about the five most valuable actions the Commission should take to create jobs in California. Because our economy is just beginning its recovery, time is of the essence.

I would like to have your input on this critical project in hand as soon as possible so that the Commission can take action and help get Californians back to work. I hope to call a special session of the Commission as soon as the end of September to present these findings and begin our outreach to California

businesses. With your help, we can expedite growth immediately by removing hurdles for businesses who are struggling to succeed.

The bottom line is I want to do everything I can to boost our economic growth by coordinating and streamlining government procedures to make it easier for businesses to be established in our great state. I am looking forward to partnering with you and your organization on this important task and I thank you, in advance, for your valuable input.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Commission's Executive Director, Sandy Agalos. Or, information on the Commission can be found on its Web site at ced.ca.gov.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Abel Maldonado